

## NEWS & ALERTS FROM THE SMART GRID INTEROPERABILITY PANEL (SGIP)

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### ***Report from APEC Workshop on Regulatory Approaches to Smart Grid Investment and Deployment***

APEC has just released the report on the Workshop on Regulatory Approaches to Smart Grid Investment and Deployment, held in Quebec City, Canada on May 16 and 17, 2012. The United States, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Subcommittee on Standards and Conformance, organized and led this workshop, which garnered 60 participants from 14 APEC economies. The workshop is part of a high-level APEC work program focused on increasing regulatory understanding of smart grid, following recommendations of the APEC Regulatory Cooperation and Advancement Mechanism Dialogue on smart grid held in Big Sky, Montana in May 2011. This Workshop focused on the standards and conformance issues associated with the deployment of the Smart Grid. Participants discussed issues associated with ensuring that regulations facilitate trade and the use of relevant international standards and conformity assessment programs that support good regulatory practices.

Key outcomes and conclusions from the workshop are:

- 1) The efficient development of standards and interoperability will reap key benefits for electricity regulators;
- 2) There is a need for more robust engagements between the standards community and regulators;
- 3) The standards community could benefit from an analysis of the needs of regulators, more effectively engaging regulators in the standards development process, and the implications of regulation for the modernization of electric grids and the trade in smart grid technologies;
- 4) There is a need for the development and communication of best practices for regulators in providing input to the standards community; and
- 5) Continued education and outreach on standards interoperability issues will be beneficial and organizations and forums that are well-positioned for this task should be identified.

For more information, please review the workshop report at: [http://publications.apec.org/publication-detail.php?pub\\_id=1298](http://publications.apec.org/publication-detail.php?pub_id=1298)

### ***Resource: “Train the Trainer” Sets from CSWG***

The CSWG’s Privacy Subgroup has developed several slide decks to provide information as a way to help “train the trainer” regarding Smart Grid privacy.

- A starting point for those within Public Utilities or Services Commissions to help them effectively and efficiently plan for their own internal information security and privacy education program as it relates to Smart Grid privacy.
- One for use by organizations that are part of the Smart Grid; the “Consumers” deck is intended to help organizations answer consumer questions about privacy concerns.
- A starting point for utilities to effectively and efficiently plan for their own internal information security and privacy education program as it relates to the Smart Grid.

These slides provide advice and assistance for the organizations to create their own awareness and training content. The Group provided significant additional information within the speaker notes, along with many pointers to other information resources, that organizations may wish to use when delivering their own tailored training.

**DOWNLOAD SETS:** [https://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/CSCTGPrivacy#Privacy\\_Training\\_Slides](https://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/CSCTGPrivacy#Privacy_Training_Slides)

### ***Resource: Public List of Interoperability Testing and Certification Authorities***

The SGIP Testing & Certification Committee has initiated a public list of Interoperability Testing and Certification Authorities (ITCA) that support Smart Grid standards and implement the SGTCC recommendations detailed in its [Interoperability Process Reference Manual V2.0 \(IPRM\)](#). The ITCA list will be maintained on the TWiki (<https://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SGIPITCAProgramList>). Questions may be directed to Kent Donohue ([r.k.donohue@ul.com](mailto:r.k.donohue@ul.com)) or Rudi Schubert ([rschubert@enernex.com](mailto:rschubert@enernex.com)).

ITCAs wishing to be included on the list must complete an application form and provide the requested IPRM implementation information included on the form. Inclusion on the list is NOT an approval process, but a service to the ITCAs and Smart Grid stakeholders as an information resource on available programs, along with details on the program status relative to IPRM implementation. An SGTCC review committee will validate ITCA provided information prior to list inclusion, and monitor listed Programs with respect to the Application Form information. **LEARN MORE:** <https://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/SGIPITCAProgramList>

### SAVE THE DATES: UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sept. 6: SGIP Governing Board Meeting, 1pm Eastern (<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/719926258>)

Sept. 14: SGIP Plenary Meeting, 1pm Eastern (<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/444978162>).

Mandatory attendance for Participating Member organizations.

Oct. 2-4: GridWeek, Washington DC (<http://www.gridweek.com>)

Dec. 3-6: SGIP Winter 2012 Face-to-Face Conference co-located at Grid-Interop, Irving TX (<http://www.grid-interop.com/2012/>)

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